GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER PROJECTS FOR DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned 12 water projects in States to provide safe drinking water to habitants affected by the fluoride or brackish water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) To tackle fluoride & brackish contamination in drinking water, during 1994-98, under Sub-Mission programme of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), 83 projects were sanctioned to different States at a total approved cost of about Rs.944 crore, out of which Government of India's share is about Rs.709 crore and State share is Rs.235 crore. Out of these 83 projects, 20 are reported to be complete and rest are at different stages of implementation. Since 1.4.1998, powers to plan, approve and implement schemes under Sub-Mission have been delegated to the States.

The time of completion of the Drinking Water Supply projects is dependent upon the inter-se allocation of ARWSP funds by the concerned State Government.